

Senate File 13 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring certain health benefit contracts, policies, or
2 plans to provide coverage of tobacco use cessation programs
3 and including applicability provisions.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 514C.29 Tobacco use cessation
2 program coverage.

3 1. Notwithstanding the uniformity of treatment requirements
4 of section 514C.6, a contract, policy, or plan providing for
5 third-party payment or prepayment of health or medical expenses
6 shall provide coverage benefits for a tobacco use cessation
7 program for any enrollee who is eighteen years of age or
8 older, including but not limited to the following classes of
9 third-party payment provider contracts, policies, or plans
10 delivered, issued for delivery, continued, or renewed in this
11 state on or after September 1, 2011:

12 a. Individual or group accident and sickness insurance
13 providing coverage on an expense-incurred basis.

14 b. An individual or group hospital or medical service
15 contract issued pursuant to chapter 509, 514, or 514A.

16 c. An individual or group health maintenance organization
17 contract regulated under chapter 514B.

18 d. An individual or group Medicare supplemental policy,
19 unless coverage pursuant to such policy is preempted by federal
20 law.

21 e. A plan established pursuant to chapter 509A for public
22 employees.

23 2. This section shall not apply to accident-only, specified
24 disease, short-term hospital or medical, hospital confinement
25 indemnity, credit, dental, vision, long-term care, basic
26 hospital and medical-surgical expense coverage as defined
27 by the commissioner, disability income insurance coverage,
28 coverage issued as a supplement to liability insurance,
29 workers' compensation or similar insurance, or automobile
30 medical payment insurance.

31 3. As used in this section, "tobacco use cessation program"
32 means a program recommended by a physician that follows the
33 United States public health service guidelines for tobacco use
34 cessation or a product or service with an "A" or "B" rating
35 from the task force on community preventive services at the

1 United States centers for disease control and prevention of the
2 United States department of health and human services. *"Tobacco
3 use cessation program"* includes education and medical treatment
4 components designed to assist a person in ceasing the use of
5 tobacco products.

6 4. The commissioner of insurance shall adopt rules pursuant
7 to chapter 17A as necessary to administer this section.

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EXPLANATION

9 This bill requires that specified individual or group
10 health benefit contracts, policies, or plans provide coverage
11 benefits for a tobacco use cessation program for any enrollee
12 who is 18 years of age or older. The bill is applicable to
13 third-party payment provider contracts, policies, or plans that
14 are delivered, issued for delivery, continued, or renewed in
15 this state on or after September 1, 2011.

16 For purposes of the bill, "tobacco use cessation program"
17 means a program recommended by a physician that follows the
18 United States public health service guidelines for tobacco use
19 cessation or a product or service with an "A" or "B" rating
20 from the task force on community preventive services at the
21 United States centers for disease control and prevention.